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SUBJECT: BAVARIAN PRESS REACTION TO CDU/CSU AGREEMENT TO  
RESUME JOINT "FRAKTION"

1. TWO BASIC INTERPRETATIONS ARE EVIDENT IN BAVARIAN NEWSPAPER COVERAGE OF THE CDU/CSU AGREEMENTS OF DECEMBER 12.
2. THE FIRST CHARACTERIZES THE AGREEMENTS AS A COMPROMISE WHICH STRENGTHENS THE CSU VOICE IN CDU/CSU COUNCILS AND SETS FORTH FORMAL BASIS FOR A MORE INDEPENDENT CSU STATUS IN BUNDESTAG.
3. THE SECOND INTERPRETATION ARGUES THAT ALTHOUGH STRAUSS WAS COMPELLED TO COMPROMISE, HE ACHIEVED HIS BASIC PROGRAM FOR THE CSU IN ANOTHER GUISE. THIS INTERPRETATION HAS IT THAT STRAUSS HAS NOT RPT NOT ONLY SUCCEEDED IN STRENGTHENING CSU POSITION IN BUNDESTAG BUT HAS OBTAINED PARTIAL CDU ENDORSEMENT OF HIS CONCEPT OF A FOURTH PARTY MOVEMENT SEPARATE FROM UNION PARTIES, BACKED BY CSU AND TOLERATED BY CDU.
4. INTERESTINGLY, CONSERVATIVE PRO-CSU PAPERS SUCH AS "MUENCHNER MERKUR" LEAN MORE TOWARD THE FIRST INTERPRETATION WHILE PAPERS MORE FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO SPD SUCH AS

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"SUEDDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG" AND "NUERNBERGER NACHRICHTEN" LEAN

TOWARD THE SECOND.BETTS

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